

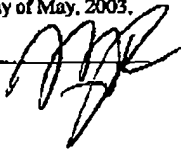
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Serial No. : 10/016,855 : Art Unit No. 2874
Filing Date : Dec. 13, 2001 :
Invention Title : *Methods, Systems and Means for Providing Data Communications Between Equipment*
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Please enter the following preliminary amendment without prejudice. Each of the amendments finds full support in the claims, specification, or drawings as filed.

Please amend the above-captioned patent application, without prejudice, as follows: